

KDLA Sponsors the Public Library Institute

The Carroll Knicely Conference Center in Bowling Green was the site for a week long series of workshops for library staff from all over Kentucky on May 9-13. It was the first week of a two week program, entitled the Public Library Institute, which provides new staff and those with little experience with an overview of many aspects of public library service. A total of 37 attendees received certification credit for attending eight workshops, presented by professional librarians, and an all day field trip to Ingram, Inc. and Brentwood Library in Tennessee. Workshop topics included Library Management, Reference, Customer Service, Outreach and more.



Officer Joe Friendly, a.k.a. Terry Manuel, serves a search warrant to Librarian Janet Chisman

Current legal and ethical library topics were tackled in the sessions, sometimes with a satirical twist. One of the most popular programs was a skit on Intellectual Freedom by KDLA library consultants Janet Chisman and Terry Manuel. In the episode, "Officer Joe Friendly" serves a search warrant to an unsuspecting librarian. The librarian, who is unfamiliar with the legal issues related to search warrants and privacy, is easy prey for the intimidating officer. The subsequent interchange contained examples of ways officials could use their position to request, or demand, information from librarians without proper legal documentation. Manuel provided attendees with examples of appropriate documentation librarians should look for in these circumstances, as well as the legal rights of librarians and their customers.

Other programs touched on the variety of topics library staff currently face and will face in the future. KDLA regional consultant and *SelectioNotes* editor Susan Dunman compared developing a library collection to cultivating a garden in a program entitled "Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary – Make That Garden Grow!". KDLA regional consultant and *Trustee Training Tips* editor Nelda Moore presented an overview of the often complicated issues surrounding Library Governance. Bowling Green Public Library's Marilyn Mattingly discussed Reference Basics and retired KDLA consultant Evelyn Richardson spoke on Customer Service. Finally, the Friday session wrapped up the

workshops with presentations on bookmobiles. Cee Cee Doyle and Hannah Reeb of Bowling Green Public Library brought in their library's "Kidmobile" and the giant "Garfield" painted RV outreach vehicle to the conference center parking lot for a tour by the workshop's attendees.

Completion of the two weeks of the Public Library Institute will count as a library science class for certification. "The first week of the Institute was a success," said KDLA Continuing Education Coordinator Janet Chisman. Participants got a crash course on what they can expect while embarking on a career in the library field. A look ahead to the second week, August 29-September 2 in Lexington, promises sessions on children's services, online reference searching, the *Kentucky Virtual Library* and much more.

KPLA Awards

Awards were handed out at the Kentucky Public Library Association Annual Conference in Bowling Green on April 14th. Scott County Public Library Children's Librarian Shirley Ison won the Miss Pickle Award. The Margaret Willis Award went to Joan Tussey of Garrard County Public Library. Bullitt County Public Library Director Randy Matlow took home the Outstanding Public Librarian Award.

Kentucky Public Library Standards Awards

The 2005 Kentucky Public Library Standards Awards recipients have been announced. Eight libraries qualified for Enhanced Level Standards and nine libraries qualified for Basic Level Standards in the second annual formal phase of self-evaluation. KDLA Field Services Director and committee member Judith Gibbons said, "We applaud the participating public libraries that are actively using standards to define their path to success."

This year's recipients are:

Basic Level

Crittenden County
Owen County
Russell County
Lee County
Goodnight Memorial
Mt. Sterling-Montgomery County
Mason County
Jessamine County
Casey County

Enhanced Level

Oldham County
Lawrence County
Clay County
Breathitt County
William B. Harlan Memorial
Paul Sawyer Public
Boone County
Graves County

State Librarian Elected to National Post

James A. Nelson, the state librarian and commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA), has been elected board chairperson of the Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET), a non-profit membership organization.

Nelson of Georgetown was elected during the organization's recent annual membership meeting in Atlanta. SOLINET was founded in 1973 and has a membership of more than 2,600 libraries in 10 Southeastern states and the Caribbean. The network promotes enhanced access to information resources and library services.



KDLA Commissioner James A. Nelson

Nelson, a member of the SOLINET board since 2002, served as secretary of the board in 2003 and has served on the organization's Bylaws and Governance Committee.

"Chairing the Board of Directors of the oldest and largest regional library services network in the nation is a great honor for me, personally and professionally," Nelson told board members. "SOLINET is extremely well managed and is noted for its fine staff, so I will be able to focus on our relationship with members and potential areas of regional collaboration in order to help strengthen member libraries on their campuses and in their communities."

Since 1980, Nelson has managed KDLA, the state agency responsible for statewide library development and management and preservation of public records in Kentucky. KDLA is an agency of the Kentucky Education Cabinet.

"Commissioner Nelson skillfully manages and preserves an amazing amount of resources, records, collections and oral and written Kentucky history that is important to our state. His talents and abilities have been invaluable to Kentucky so it is not surprising that his colleagues would choose him to lead the largest national organization of its kind. I think it says a lot about our state when Kentucky officials are tapped for the top regional and national positions in their respective fields," said Kentucky Education Cabinet Secretary Virginia G. Fox.

Nelson earned a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Colorado in 1965 and a master's degree in library science from the University of Kentucky in 1969. His nearly 40-year career in libraries and archives has garnered him numerous professional awards including the 2003 Kentucky Libraries Award and 2002 Innovation Award from the Kentucky Library Association; the 1997 Professional Achievement Award from the American Library Association and a 1985 Outstanding Alumnus Award from the University of Kentucky, College of Library and Information Science.

‘Cross the Commonwealth

The **Metcalf County Public Library** declared April as library card signup month with patrons re-registering. Prize drawings were held weekly. Special events in April included: An appreciation luncheon attended by state and local officials including Senator Richie Sanders and Representative Jamie Comer. On Saturday, April 30 the school librarians and the public library teamed up to host "Read Around Town" at the public library. Activities included community leaders reading to children in grades preschool through high school.

The **Graves County Public Library**, **John L. Street Public Library** and the **McCracken County Public Library** provided space and computer hardware for the AARP TAX-AIDE volunteers to assist individuals in the preparation of their 2004 Federal and State income taxes. AARP TAX-AIDE helps middle and low income taxpayers, with special attention to those over 60 years of age. The program is sponsored by the AARP and the IRS.

The **Graves County Public Library** Friends Group contributed \$1,000.00 to the library for the purchase of a lease program for books on CDs, and have given an additional \$1,000.00 to fund the Summer Reading Program.

Scott Shupe was at Trigg County's **John L. Street Public Library** on Saturday, April 9th to sign copies of his book, *U.S. Guide to Venomous Snakes and their Mimics*. Mr. Shupe worked at the Woods and Wetlands Wildlife Center in Canton for ten years.

Jenise Jones, **McCracken County Public Library** Adult Services Library Assistant, received the Paducah Hospitality Association's Spirit of Hospitality Award. Jenise has worked at the library since 1988.

Renovation on the building that will become the Genealogy Library of **George Coon Public Library** is underway. The plans are to have the project completed by July.

Aunt Jessie's Magic Ketchup author Sherry Purdom, and illustrator Wendy Lovett were at the **Calloway County Public Library** for a book signing on Saturday, March 5th.

Campbell County Public Library will have Stevens Puppets bring the enchanting tale of *Beauty and the Beast* to life with incredible marionettes on Monday, June 27. The show will be at the Newport Branch at 11 AM, the Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch at 3 PM and the Cold Spring Branch at 6 PM.

To celebrate February being Library Lovers Month, the **Marshall County Public Library** held its 2nd annual "I Love to Read Program" for adults 18 years and older. Each participant's name was automatically registered for the grand prize of a \$50.00 Gift Certificate from Patti's upon registering for the program and each time they reached one of two reading goals. Participants also received a prize when they read the required number of book in the two reading goals. The person from each branch who read the most books was given a \$25.00 Gift Certificate from Cracker Barrel. The libraries had 165 patrons sign-up for the program with 2,398 books read.

The **Bath County Memorial Library's** 2nd Annual Spring Book Fair was held Saturday, April 23rd at the Methodist Fellowship Hall in Owingsville. The Book Fair featured 33 authors. A reading was held at the Library following the book fair featuring: Ed McClanahan, Bob Sloan, and Chris Holbrook.

The **Fulton County Public Library** has received a \$2,000.00 donation from their local Wal-Mart. Library Director Elaine Allen stated that the money will be used to supplement the library's automation project and to purchase new software to safe guard the public access computers.

Harry Caudill Public Library Hosts National Library Week Open House



County Judge Executive Carroll Smith gets his library card
(Photo by Lina Tidal)

In conjunction with National Library Week, Whitesburg's Harry M. Caudill Memorial Library held an open house on April 12 with food, prizes, gifts, and library cards issued to attending patrons. The theme for the week was "Register for the most powerful card. Free, no finance charges, no annual fees".

A home cooked breakfast was served to the Fiscal Court, City officials and community leaders, while their new bar-coded cards were processed. Rolls and drinks were served throughout the day to visiting patrons.

The occasion was the library's way to:

- recognize the support and contribution of the officials to the library system
- introduce the new online catalog and website: www.lcld.org and
- register patrons to the new system

Throughout the day staff showcased the online catalog and instructed patrons on how to log on, check out status of materials, put books on hold, check out date dues of materials they have borrowed, and renew items by logging on with their borrowers cards and unique PIN number.

Open houses were held at the other Letcher County libraries as well. Blackey Public Library held their open house on Monday, Jenkins Public Library on Wednesday, and the Lillian Webb Library of Neon on Thursday. The Bookmobile registered patrons on Friday at the Wal-Mart parking plaza.

Five hundred twenty five bar coded cards were issued to officials and patrons in Letcher County during National Library Week.

Challenger Learning Center Students to Benefit from New Books



Purchase/Pennyrile Region Librarians receive donation from H. B. Fuller

The Challenger Learning Center of Paducah is making it easier for students and teachers to learn more about our moon and outer space.

Thanks to a donation from H.B. Fuller, the Center was able to purchase resource materials for the sixth grade "Return to the Moon" program for 45 schools and 12 public libraries in western Kentucky. Purchase Pennyrile Region Librarians received the donation last month. The books and DVDs retail at more than \$75.

KDLA Reference Question of the Month

Question of the Month: I work in Outreach Services, and a number of my senior patrons have been asking about large print books in multiple copies for book discussion groups. Are there large print discussion kits available through KDLA or elsewhere in the state?

The State Library has recently made available large print discussion kits for public libraries to check out for use with their patrons. Using the kit allows you to share your interest in reading and literature with other members of your community, such as senior center groups, assisted living residences, and nursing homes. Each kit is packaged in a sturdy wheeled bag and contains the following: 15 copies of a large print book, an audiobook (could be either a cassette or CD), and a discussion guide.

The State Library's large print discussion kits are checked out in the same way as a video or DVD. You can even reserve the kits for future dates. The large print discussion kits are available for 28 days with a renewal period of 14 days. To see what titles are included, search the KDLA Catalog with the term "book discussion kit" as a title. Current selections include mysteries, westerns, romances, current fiction, history and biography. To reserve your large print discussion kit, you can call the State Library toll-free at 800-928-7000, ext. 337. If you prefer email, use the online form for requests at http://www.kdla.ky.gov/research/asklib_publib_materials.htm.

Cataloging Tips

With the death of Pope John II the name authorities have been updated to reflect new dates, and the name of the new Pope. If your library has received any material on the new Pope, or a biography of the previous Pope, the following are the headings you will want to use.

John Paul II, Pope, 1920-2005
Catholic Church. Pope (1978-2005 : John Paul II)
Benedict XVI, Pope, 1927-
Catholic Church. Pope (2005- : Benedict XVI)

Contact KDLA's Myra Prewitt with any questions you might have either by e-mail (myra.prewitt@ky.gov) or by phone (1-800-928-7000 ext. 227).

Upcoming Events

July

14	Trustee Institute	General Butler State Resort Park
18	Trustee Institute	Cumberland Falls State Resort Park
19	Trustee Institute	Natural Bridge State Resort Park
26	Trustee Institute	Pennyrile State Resort Park
26	Rapid Response Reference: The Government: #1 Information Collector and Publisher: U.S. and KY Gov. Documents	Ashland

August

11-12	Kentucky Bookmobile and Outreach Services Conference	Lexington
29-9/2	Public Library Institute Continuation - Week 2	Georgetown College

September

7	Secrets of the Super Grant Writers	Bowling Green
8	Secrets of the Super Grant Writers	Lexington
27	Rapid Response Reference: Arts and Humanities Reference Resources	Ashland

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